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# FORMER PRESIDENT ROH MOO-HYUN SUICIDES

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# What



- \* May 23rd, 2009 6:40 A.M.
- \* Mr Roh, 62, suicided in a fall from a mountain near his home (Bongha Village)
- \* Roh was declared dead from a head injury, officials at Busan National University Hospital said.



# WHY

- \* Mr Roh apologized last month over allegations his family took \$6m in bribes during his 2003-2008 term in office
- \* He didn't want to face the allegations and the people who were trying to prosecute him
- \* Some say that Lee Myung Bak was the ultimate cause of his suicide



# Corruption Scandal

- \* The allegation was that former President Roh Moo-hyun and his family received US\$64 million and two expensive watches from Yeon-cha Park, former chairman of Taegwang group.
- \* Lee Myung Bak didn't do anything to stop the prosecutors from continuously leaking information





# Suicide Note

"The rest of my life would only be a burden for others. I can't do anything because I'm not healthy. I can't read books, nor can I write. Don't be too sad. Isn't life and death all part of nature? Don't be sorry. Don't blame anybody. It's fate. Please cremate me. And please leave a small tombstone near home. I've long thought about that.

Roh Moo-Hyun

# How His Death Made Me Feel

- \* Angry because Korean looks bad now
- \* Its mostly countries that aren't developed that ever have a suicidal president.
- \* Sad because he didn't want to face his own scandal
- \* Mixed feelings about his family



# Relation to the Course

- \* Nuremberg Trials

- \* Roh didn't want to face his crimes, although not in war, and suicided. He didn't want to face the scrutiny that men in the Nuremberg Trials were forced to face





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